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Chapter I

Resolutions adopted by the Conference

Resolution 1*

The Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for Small Island Developing States: A Renewed Declaration for Resilient Prosperity

The fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States,
Having met in Antigua and Barbuda from 27 to 30 May 2024,

1. *Adopts*, as the outcome document of the Conference, the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for Small Island Developing States: A Renewed Declaration for Resilient Prosperity;¹

2. *Recommends* that the General Assembly endorse, at its seventy-eighth session, the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for Small Island Developing States: A Renewed Declaration for Resilient Prosperity, as adopted by the Conference.

* Adopted at the 7th plenary meeting, on 30 May 2024; for the discussion, see chap. VI.

¹ [A/CONF.223/2024/4](#), annex.

Resolution 2*
Expression of thanks to the people and Government of Antigua and Barbuda

The fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States,

Having met in Antigua and Barbuda from 27 to 30 May 2024, at the invitation of the Government of Antigua and Barbuda,

1. *Expresses its deep appreciation* to His Excellency Gaston Browne, Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, for his outstanding contribution, as President of the fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States, to the successful outcome of the Conference;

2. *Expresses its profound gratitude* to the Government of Antigua and Barbuda for having made it possible for the Conference to be held in Antigua and Barbuda and for the excellent facilities, staff and services so graciously placed at its disposal;

3. *Requests* the Government of Antigua and Barbuda to convey to the people of Antigua and Barbuda the gratitude of the Conference for the hospitality and warm welcome extended to the participants.

* Adopted at the 7th plenary meeting, on 30 May 2024; for the discussion, see chap. VII.

Resolution 3*
**Credentials of representatives to the fourth International
Conference on Small Island Developing States**

The fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States,

Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.

* Adopted at the 7th plenary meeting, on 30 May 2024; for the discussion, see chap. V.

Chapter II

Organization of work and other organizational matters

A. Date and venue of the Conference

1. The fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States was held in Antigua and Barbuda from 27 to 30 May 2024, pursuant to General Assembly resolutions [77/245](#) and [77/328](#). During that period, the Conference held seven plenary meetings and five interactive dialogues.

B. Attendance

2. The list of participants is contained in document [A/CONF.223/2024/INF/2](#).

C. Opening of the Conference

3. The Conference was opened on 27 May 2024 by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in his capacity as temporary President in accordance with rule 17 of the provisional rules of procedure.

4. At the opening of the Conference during the 1st plenary meeting, on 27 May, statements were made by the President of the Conference, Gaston Alphonso Browne; the Secretary-General of the United Nations, António Guterres; the President of the General Assembly, Dennis Francis; the President of the Economic and Social Council, Paula Narváez; the Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States, Afioga Fiamē Naomi Mata'afa; the Secretary-General of the Conference, Li Junhua; the Special Adviser for the Conference, Rabab Fatima; and a youth representative, Lutrell John.

D. Election of the President and other officers of the Conference

5. At its 1st plenary meeting, the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Corporate Governance and Public Private Partnerships of Antigua and Barbuda, Gaston Alphonso Browne, was elected by acclamation as President of the Conference.

6. At the same meeting, the following Vice-Presidents were elected by acclamation:

African States: Cabo Verde, Morocco and Seychelles;

Asia-Pacific States: India, Maldives and Philippines;

Eastern European States: Latvia, Poland and Romania;

Latin American and Caribbean States: Dominican Republic and Grenada;

Western European and other States: Italy, Malta and Netherlands (Kingdom of the).

7. Antigua and Barbuda was elected, by acclamation, as ex officio Vice-President of the Conference.

8. Sanita Pavļuta-Deslandes (Latvia) was elected, by acclamation, as Rapporteur-General of the Conference.

E. Adoption of the rules of procedure

9. At its 1st plenary meeting, the Conference adopted its rules of procedure (see [A/CONF.223/2024/2](#)).

F. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

10. Also at its 1st plenary meeting, the Conference adopted the agenda ([A/CONF.223/2024/1](#)):

1. Opening of the Conference.
2. Election of the President.
3. Adoption of the rules of procedure.
4. Adoption of the agenda of the Conference.
5. Election of officers other than the President.
6. Organization of work, including the establishment of subsidiary bodies, and other organizational matters.
7. Credentials of representatives to the Conference:
 - (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
 - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
8. General debate.
9. Report of the interactive dialogues.
10. Outcome of the Conference.
11. Adoption of the report of the Conference.
12. Closure of the Conference.

G. Organization of work, including the establishment of subsidiary bodies, and other organizational matters

11. At the same plenary meeting, the Conference approved the organization of work as contained in document [A/CONF.223/2024/3](#), taking into account the appointment of the Co-Chairs of the interactive dialogues.

H. Credentials of representatives to the Conference

12. Rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Conference provides that:

A Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Conference. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its current session. It shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference without delay.

13. At its 1st plenary meeting, the Conference, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following States: Andorra, China, Grenada, Nigeria, Russian Federation, Solomon Islands, Suriname, Togo and United States of America.

I. Documentation

14. The list of documents before the Conference is contained in annex I to the present report.

Chapter III

General debate

15. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 27 May, under agenda item 8, “General debate”, the Conference heard addresses by the President of Seychelles, Wavel Ramkalawan; the President of Maldives, Mohamed Muizzu; the President of the Marshall Islands, Hilda Heine; the Vice-President of Cuba, Salvador Valdés Mesa; the Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Samoa, Afioga Fiamē Naomi Mata‘afa (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States); the Prime Minister and Minister of Reform of Cabo Verde, José Ulisses Correia e Silva; the Prime Minister of Tuvalu, Feleti Teo; the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, National Security and Immigration, Health, and Social Security of Saint Kitts and Nevis, Terrance Micheal Drew; the Prime Minister of Guyana, Mark Phillips; and the Prime Minister of Rwanda, Édouard Ngirente.

16. At the 2nd plenary meeting, on 27 May, the Conference heard addresses by the President and Head of State of Nauru, David Ranibok Adeang; the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance of the Bahamas, Philip Edward Davis; the Prime Minister of Timor-Leste, Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão; the Prime Minister and Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Police, Fire Services and Emergency Services, and Minister for His Majesty’s Armed Forces of Tonga, Siaosi ‘Ofakivahafolau Sovaleni; and the Prime Minister of the Cook Islands, Mark Brown; and statements by the Speaker of the National Assembly of Azerbaijan, Sahiba Gafarova; the Minister of Climate Change, Adaptation, Meteorology, Geo-Hazards, Environment, Energy and Disaster Management of Vanuatu, Ralph Regenvanu (on behalf of the Pacific small island developing States); the Minister of Environment and Tourism of Botswana, Dumezweni Meshack Mthimkhulu (on behalf of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries); the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Agriculture, Trade and Barbuda Affairs of Antigua and Barbuda, Everly Paul Chet Greene; the Minister for Education, Sustainable Development, Innovation, Science, Technology and Vocational Training of Saint Lucia, Shawn Edward; the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration of Ghana, Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey; the Secretary of the Interior of the United States, Debra Haaland; the Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management of Fiji, Sakiasi Ditoka; the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic, Roberto Álvarez Gil; the European Commissioner for International Partnerships of the European Union, Jutta Urpilainen (on behalf of its member States); the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Jamaica, Kamina Johnson Smith; the Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Business and International Cooperation of Suriname, Albert Ramdin; the Minister of Planning and Development of Trinidad and Tobago, Pernelle Beckles-Robinson; the Minister of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management of Belize, Orlando Habet; the Special Envoy of the Prime Minister, Minister in the Prime Minister’s Office, Second Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Second Minister for Education of Singapore, Maliki Osman; the Minister of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change of Mauritius, Kavydass Ramano; the Prime Minister of Aruba, Kingdom of the Netherlands, Evelyn Wever-Croes; and the Minister for Livestock and Fisheries of the United Republic of Tanzania, Abdallah Hamis Ulega.

17. At the 3rd plenary meeting, on 28 May, the Conference heard statements by the Foreign Secretary of Nepal, Sewa Lamsal (on behalf of the Group of Least Developed Countries); the Acting Deputy Secretary (Policy) of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Papua New Guinea, Kуйке Numoi; the Minister of Environment, Biodiversity and Climate Action of Guinea-Bissau, Viriato Luís Soares Cassamá; the Minister for European Affairs and Ownership Steering of Finland,

Anders Adlercreutz; the First Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Georgia, Lasha Darsalia; the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh, Mohammad Hasan Mahmud; the Minister for Presidential Affairs in the Office of the President of Zimbabwe, Lovemore Matuke; the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Austria, Nikolaus Marschik; the Undersecretary for Global Affairs of Estonia, Minna-Liina Lind; the State Secretary and Special Envoy for International Climate Action at the Federal Foreign Office of Germany, Jennifer Morgan; the State Secretary for the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway, Andreas Motzfeldt Kravik; the Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia, Dace Melbārde; the Minister of Tourism, Civil Aviation, Sustainable Development and Culture of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Carlos James; the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania, Traian-Laurentiu Hristea; the Secretary (West) of the Ministry of External Affairs of India, Pavan Kapoor; the Minister of State for Development and International Partnerships, attached to the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France, Chryssoula Zacharopoulou; and the Special Envoy of the President and Deputy Head of the Office of the President of Ukraine, Igor Zhovkva; an address by the Prime Minister, Minister for National Security and the Public Service, and Minister for Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment of Barbados, Mia Amor Mottley; and statements by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Portugal, Nuno Sampaio; the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Czechia, Eduard Hulicius; the representatives of Italy, the Republic of Korea and Malta; the Minister of State for Climate, Environment and Energy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Richard Benyon; the representatives of Indonesia and Denmark; the Special Representative of the Government of China, Ma Zhaoxu; and the representatives of Spain, Thailand and the Russian Federation.

18. At the 4th plenary meeting, on 28 May, the Conference heard statements by the Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, Yasushi Hosaka, and the representatives of Morocco, Pakistan, Armenia, Luxembourg, Monaco, Qatar, Kiribati, the Federated States of Micronesia, New Zealand, Canada, Cyprus, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, the Holy See, Ireland, Türkiye, Belgium, Australia, Mauritania, Malaysia, Greece, the Philippines, the International Organization for Migration and the International Development Law Organization.

19. At the 5th plenary meeting, on 29 May, the Conference decided to reopen the list of speakers for seven additional delegations to hear their statements after the current list was exhausted.

20. At the same meeting, the Conference heard an address by the President of Palau, Surangel S. Whipps Jr., and statements by the representatives of Sweden, Solomon Islands, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), the International Renewable Energy Agency, the Pacific Islands Forum, the Commonwealth, the International Telecommunication Union, the Comoros, the World Health Organization, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the World Intellectual Property Organization, the secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Caribbean Community, the United Nations Environment Programme, the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Population Fund, the World Bank and the World Tourism Organization, by the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, Nikhil Seth, by the representative of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, Achim Steiner, by the representatives of the International Trade Centre, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, by the Minister

of Environment of Nigeria, Balarabe Abbas Lawal, by the Vice-Minister for the Caribbean of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Raúl Li Causi, by the representatives of Brazil, Switzerland and the International Union for Conservation of Nature, and by the Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, Gerd Müller, and the Executive Director of the United Nations Office for Project Services, Jorge Moreira da Silva.

21. At the 6th plenary meeting, on 29 May, the Conference heard statements by the representatives of the World Food Programme, the World Trade Organization, the United Nations Capital Development Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund, the International Science Council, the Pacific Disability Forum, the Caribbean Natural Resources Institute, the Pacific Islands Association of Non-Governmental Organisations, the International Programme on the State of the Ocean, the Stockholm Environment Institute, the International Institute for Environment and Development, ODI, Integrated Health Outreach, the Foundation for Development Planning, Inc., the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat and the Green Climate Fund.

Chapter IV

Interactive dialogues

Revitalizing small island developing States economies for accelerated and sustainable growth (interactive dialogue 1)

22. The first interactive dialogue, held on the morning of 28 May, was co-chaired by the President of Maldives, Mohamed Muizzu, and the Minister for European Affairs and Ownership Steering of Finland, Anders Adlercreutz, who made opening statements. The fireside chat was moderated by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, Achim Steiner, and brought together the Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda and President of the Conference, Gaston Alphonso Browne, and the Secretary of the Interior of the United States, Debra Anne Haaland, as fireside participants. The panellists were Rebeca Grynspan Mayufis, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and Gerd Müller, Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

23. An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of the Cook Islands (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum), Tonga, Timor-Leste, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Seychelles, Japan, Norway, Germany, the Republic of Korea, Greece and Fiji.

24. Statements were also made by the observers for the World Tourism Organization, the World Intellectual Property Organization, the International Monetary Fund and the International Labour Organization.

25. Statements were made by the following stakeholders: Stichting Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict, United Cities and Local Governments and Greening the Islands Foundation.

26. Following a summary by the Co-Chairs, the dialogue was declared closed.

Enhancing critical forms of financing and aid effectiveness through collaborative partnerships: a conversation (interactive dialogue 2)

27. The second interactive dialogue, held on the afternoon of 28 May, was co-chaired by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Portugal, Nuno Sampaio, and the Prime Minister of the Cook Islands, Mark Brown. The fireside chat was moderated by the Director of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, Dima Al-Khatib, and brought together the Minister of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management of Belize, Orlando Habet, and the Director for Development Cooperation of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, María del Pilar Garrido Gonzalo, as fireside participants. The panellists were the Executive Director of the United Nations Office for Project Services, Jorge Moreira da Silva, and the Vice-President of the European Investment Bank, Ambroise Fayolle.

28. An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of Suriname, Spain, Saudi Arabia, France, Malta, Denmark, New Zealand, Canada, Luxembourg and the British Virgin Islands.

29. Statements were also made by the observers for the International Renewable Energy Agency, the World Health Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Inter-American Development Bank.

30. Statements were made by the following stakeholders: Equality Fund/Fonds Égalité and Coastal 8.
31. Following a summary by the Co-Chairs, the dialogue was declared closed.

Making climate finance work for small island developing States: building on the outcomes of the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (interactive dialogue 3)

32. The third interactive dialogue, held on the morning of 29 May, was co-chaired by the President of Palau, Surangel S. Whipps Jr., and the State Secretary and Special Envoy for International Climate Action at the Federal Foreign Office of Germany, Jennifer Morgan. The fireside chat was moderated by the Senior Adviser on Small Island Developing States of the United Nations Office for Project Services, Simona Marinescu, and brought together the Minister for Finance, Economic Planning and Trade of Seychelles, Naadir Hassan, and the State Secretary and Special Envoy for Climate of Denmark, Tomas Anker Christensen, as fireside participants. The panellists were the Executive Director of the Green Climate Fund, Mafalda Duarte, and the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Simon Stiell.
33. An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of the Marshall Islands, Maldives, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, the United Kingdom, Guyana, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Bahamas, Morocco, Portugal, Sweden, the United Arab Emirates, Mauritius, Australia, Nauru and Montserrat.
34. A statement was made by the observer for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.
35. Statements were also made by the observers for the United Nations Environment Programme, the World Bank, the International Organization for Migration, the United Nations Capital Development Fund and the Economic Commission for Africa.
36. Statements were made by the following stakeholders: Adoptacoastline and Ocean Risk and Resilience Action Alliance.
37. Following a summary by the Co-Chairs, the dialogue was declared closed.

Leveraging data and digital technologies and building effective institutions for a resilient future in small island developing States (interactive dialogue 4)

38. The fourth interactive dialogue, held on the afternoon of 29 May, was co-chaired by the Minister of Planning and Development of Trinidad and Tobago, Penelope Beckles-Robinson, and the Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia, Dace Melbārde. The fireside chat was moderated by the Executive Director of the International Trade Centre, Pamela Coke-Hamilton, and brought together the Minister of Tourism, Civil Aviation, Sustainable Development and Culture of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Carlos James, and the Undersecretary for Global Affairs of Estonia, Minna-Liina Lind, as fireside participants. The panellists were the Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community, Carla Natalie Barnett, and the Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission and Assistant Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Vidar Helgesen.

39. An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of Tuvalu, Jamaica, Botswana, Singapore, Romania, Georgia, Zimbabwe, Kiribati, Poland, Ireland, Indonesia, Türkiye, Belgium, Papua New Guinea and India.

40. Statements were also made by the observers for the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, INTERPOL, the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research.

41. Statements were made by the following stakeholders: PVBLIC Foundation and Sigma Theta Tau, International Honor Society of Nursing.

42. Following a summary by the Co-Chairs, the dialogue was declared closed.

Investing in human capital: addressing health crises in small island developing States and building the potential of youth in small island developing States (interactive dialogue 5)

43. The fifth interactive dialogue, held on the morning of 30 May, was co-chaired by the Prime Minister of Reform of Cabo Verde, José Ulisses Correia e Silva, and the Minister Plenipotentiary of Sint Maarten (Kingdom of the Netherlands), Patrice Gumbs. The fireside chat was moderated by the Executive Director of the World Food Programme, Cindy McCain, and brought together the Minister of Natural Resources of Guyana, Vickram Outar Bharrat, and the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, as fireside participants. The panellists were the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, Patricia Scotland, and the Co-founder of SIDS Youth AIMS Hub, Karuna Rana.

44. An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of the Cook Islands (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum), Antigua and Barbuda, the United States, Madagascar, Cuba, the Philippines, Solomon Islands, Thailand and Algeria.

45. Statements were also made by the observers for the United Nations Population Fund, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the International Development Law Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

46. Statements were made by the following stakeholders: SIDS Youth AIMS Hub, the Ashley Lashley Foundation, the International WeLoveU Foundation and the Sasakawa Peace Foundation.

47. Following a summary by the Co-Chairs, the dialogue was declared closed.

Presentation of the summaries of the discussions of the interactive dialogues at the plenary meeting

48. At the 7th plenary meeting, on 30 May, the Conference heard summaries of the discussions of the interactive dialogues presented by the Minister of Climate Change, Environment and Energy of Maldives, Thoriq Ibrahim (on behalf of the Co-Chair of interactive dialogue 1, Mohamed Muizzu); the representative of the Cook Islands (on behalf of the Co-Chair of interactive dialogue 2, Mark Brown); the representative of Germany (on behalf of the Co-Chair of interactive dialogue 3, Jennifer Morgan); the Co-Chair of interactive dialogue 4 and Minister of Planning and Development of Trinidad and Tobago, Pernelope Beckles-Robinson; and the Deputy Minister for

Digital Economy of Cabo Verde, Pedro Lopes (on behalf of the Co-Chair of interactive dialogue 5).

49. At the same meeting, the Conference decided to hear, on an exceptional basis, the key messages from the high-level meeting to discuss the mobilization of resources for small island developing States, convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations pursuant to General Assembly resolution [77/245](#); and accordingly heard a statement by the Deputy Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations, Tumasie Blair.

Chapter V

Report of the Credentials Committee

50. The Credentials Committee held one meeting, on 29 May.

51. The Permanent Representative of Solomon Islands to the United Nations, Jane Mugafalu Kabui Waetara, was unanimously elected Chair.

52. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General dated 28 May 2024 on the credentials of representatives of States participating in the Conference and of the European Union. A representative of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat made a statement relating to the memorandum, in which, among other things, she updated the memorandum to indicate credentials and communications received subsequent to its preparation.

53. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum and in the statement relating thereto, formal credentials of representatives to the Conference, in the form required by rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, had been received as at the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee from the European Union and the following 48 States: Armenia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Botswana, China, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Guyana, Holy See, India, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Maldives, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Morocco, Nauru, Nepal, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, Seychelles, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Türkiye, United States and Vanuatu.

54. As indicated in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, as updated by the statement of the representative of the Office of Legal Affairs, information concerning the appointment of representatives of States to the Conference had been communicated to the Secretary-General, as at the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee, by means of a copy of formal credentials signed by the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a letter or note verbale from the ministry, embassy or mission concerned, by the following 72 States: Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belize, Benin, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Cabo Verde, Canada, Colombia, Comoros, Cook Islands, Croatia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Fiji, France, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Malaysia, Mauritania, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Zambia and Zimbabwe.

55. As indicated in paragraph 3 of the memorandum, the Secretary-General had not received the formal credentials or information referred to in paragraphs 53 and 54 above from the following 77 States invited to participate in the Conference: Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Angola, Belarus, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malawi, Mali, Mexico, Mongolia,

Montenegro, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nicaragua, Niue, North Macedonia, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam and Yemen.

56. The Chair recommended that the Committee accept the credentials of the representatives of the States and of the European Union listed in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the above-mentioned memorandum, as updated, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the States referred to in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, as updated, as well as States referred to in paragraph 3 of the memorandum, where applicable, would be communicated to the Secretary-General as soon as possible.

57. The Committee adopted the following draft resolution without a vote:

The Credentials Committee,

Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States,

Accepts the credentials of the representatives of the States and of the European Union referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General, as updated.

58. The Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the Conference the adoption of a draft resolution approving the report of the Committee.

Action taken by the Conference

59. At its 7th plenary meeting, on 30 May, the Conference considered the report of the Credentials Committee ([A/CONF.223/2024/5](#)), as introduced by the Chair of the Committee. The Conference was informed that, since the meeting of the Committee, formal credentials had been received by the Secretary-General from Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Cabo Verde, Kiribati, Norway and Palau and information concerning their representatives had been received from Niue.

60. The Conference adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Committee in its report (see chap. I, resolution 3) and accepted the additional credentials mentioned by the Chair.

Chapter VI

Outcome of the Conference

61. At its 7th plenary meeting, on 30 May, the Conference had before it a draft resolution submitted by the President of the Conference, entitled “The Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for Small Island Developing States: A Renewed Declaration for Resilient Prosperity” ([A/CONF.223/2024/L.1](#)).

62. At the same meeting, the Conference adopted the draft resolution, by which it adopted as the outcome document of the Conference the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for Small Island Developing States: A Renewed Declaration for Resilient Prosperity (see [A/CONF.223/2024/4](#), annex) and recommended that the General Assembly endorse, at its seventy-eighth session, the outcome document as adopted by the Conference (see chap. I, resolution 1).

63. Also at the same meeting, statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of New Zealand (also on behalf of Maldives) and Maldives.

Chapter VII

Adoption of the report of the Conference

64. At the 7th plenary meeting, the representative of Belize, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced draft resolution [A/CONF.223/2024/L.2](#), entitled “Expression of thanks to the people and Government of Antigua and Barbuda”.

65. At the same meeting, the Conference adopted the draft resolution (see chap. I, resolution 2).

66. Also at the same meeting, statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda and Barbados.

67. At the same meeting, the Rapporteur-General introduced the draft report of the Conference ([A/CONF.223/2024/L.3](#)).

68. At the same meeting, the Conference adopted the draft report ([A/CONF.223/2024/L.3](#)) and authorized the Rapporteur-General to finalize the report in conformity with the practice of the United Nations.

Chapter VIII

Closure of the Conference

69. At the 7th plenary meeting, closing statements were made by the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, Amina Mohammed, on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in accordance with rule 16 of the rules of procedure of the Conference; and by the President of the Conference.

70. At the same meeting, the President of the Conference declared the Conference closed.

Annex

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